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	C.	4,483,338	11/20/84	Bloom et al.	606	50	6/12/1981
	D.	4,582,057	4/15/86	Auth et al.	606	31	11/21/1983
	E.	4,896,671	1/30/90	Cunningham et al.	600	374	8/1/1988
	F.	4,958,539	9/25/90	Stasz et al.	76	104.1	6/2/1989
	G.	4,976,709	12/11/90	Sand	606	5	6/30/1989
	H.	5,137,530	8/11/92	Sand	606	5	6/29/1990
	I.	5,201,729	4/13/93	Hertzmann et al.	606	2	11/30/1990
	J.	5,230,334	7/27/93	Klopotek	601	3	1/22/1992
	K.	5,318,564	6/7/94	Eggers	606	47	5/1/1992
	L.	5,374,265	12/20/94	Sand	606	5	8/6/1992
	M.	5,403,311	4/4/95	Abele et al.	606	49	3/29/1993
	N.	5,433,739	7/18/95	Sluijter et al.	607	99	11/2/1993
	O.	5,439,446	8/8/95	Barry	604	103	6/30/1994
	P.	5,458,596	10/17/95	Lax et al.	606	31	5/6/1994
	Q.	5,542,945	8/6/96	Fritzs	606	48	9/12/1994
	R.	5,562,703	10/8/96	Desai	606	210	6/14/1994
	S.	5,626,576	5/6/97	Janssen	606	41	9/21/1995
	T.	5,660,836	8/26/97	Knowlton	424	400	5/5/1995
	U.	5,720,744	2/24/98	Eggleston et al.	606	40	6/6/1995
	V.	5,785,705	7/28/98	Baker	606	32	10/24/1995
	W.	5,823,955	10/20/98	Kuck et al.	600	374	11/20/1995
	X.	5,846,196	12/8/98	Siekmeyer et al.	600	374	12/12/1996
	Y.	5,916,214	6/29/99	Cosio et al.	606	41	3/28/1997
	Z.	5,925,042	7/20/99	Gough et al.	606	41	11/3/1997
	AA.	5,941,869	8/24/99	Patterson et al.	604	508	5/16/1997
	BB.	5,980,504	11/9/99	Sharkey et al.	604	510	6/24/1997
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	C.	6,095,149	8/1/00	Sharkey et al.	128	898	6/24/1997
	D.	6,096,036	8/1/00	Bowe et al.	606	41	5/5/1998
	E.	6,122,549	9/19/00	Sharkey et al.	607	99	6/24/1997
	F.	6,258,086	7/10/01	Ashley et al.	606	41	3/19/1999
	G.	6,283,961	9/4/01	Underwood et al.	606	41	6/3/1999
	H.	6,319,250	11/20/01	Falwell et al.	606	41	11/23/1998
	I.	6,500,173	12/31/02	Underwood et al.	606	32	5/18/2001
	J.	6,575,968	6/10/03	Eggers et al.	606	41	5/16/2000
	K.	6,921,399	7/26/05	Carmel et al.	606	41	8/23/2002
	L.	7,104,989	9/12/06	Skarda	606	41	9/5/2003
	M.	2003/0014047	1/16/2003	Woloszko et al.	606	41	6/18/2002
	N.	2,056,377	10/06/39	Wappler	125	303	08/16/33
	O.	3,815,604	06/11/74	O'Malley et al.	128	305	06/19/72
	P.	3,828,780	08/13/74	Morrison, Jr. et al.	128	275	03/26/73
	Q.	3,901,242	08/26/75	Storz	128	303	05/30/74
	R.	3,920,021	11/18/75	Hiltebrandt	128	303	05/15/74
	S.	3,939,839	02/24/76	Curtiss	128	303	06/26/74
	T.	3,970,088	07/20/76	Morrison	128	303	04/24/75
	U.	4,040,426	08/09/77	Morrison, Jr.	128	303	01/16/76
	V.	4,043,342	08/23/77	Morrison, Jr.	128	303	02/26/76
	W.	4,074,718	02/21/78	Morrison, Jr.	128	303	03/17/76
	X.	4,092,986	06/06/78	Schneiderman	128	303	06/14/76
	Y.	4,116,198	09/26/78	Roos	128	303	05/14/76
	Z.	4,181,131	01/01/80	Ogiu	128	303	02/23/78
	AA.	4,184,492	01/22/80	Meinke et al.	128	303	05/30/78
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	C.	4,248,231	02/03/81	Herczog et al.	128	303	11/16/78
	D.	4,326,529	04/27/82	Doss et al.	128	303	12/05/79
	E.	4,381,007	04/26/83	Doss	128	303	04/30/81
	F.	4,476,862	10/16/84	Pao	128	303	09/30/82
	G.	4,532,924	08/06/85	Auth et al.	128	303	04/30/82
	H.	4,548,207	10/22/85	Reimels	128	303	11/17/82
	I.	4,567,890	02/04/86	Ohta et al.	128	303	08/07/84
	J.	4,590,934	05/27/86	Malis et al.	128	303	05/18/83
	K.	4,593,691	06/10/86	Lindstrom et al.	128	303	07/13/83
	L.	4,658,817	04/21/87	Hardy	606	14	04/01/85
	M.	4,660,571	04/28/87	Hess et al.	128	784	07/18/85
	N.	4,674,499	06/23/87	Pao	128	303	01/10/85
	O.	4,682,596	07/28/87	Bales et al.	128	303	05/22/84
	P.	4,706,667	11/17/87	Roos	128	303	07/28/86
	Q.	4,727,874	03/01/88	Bowers et al.	128	303	09/10/84
	R.	4,765,331	08/23/88	Petruzzi et al.	128	303	02/10/87
	S.	4,785,823	11/22/88	Eggers et al.	128	692	07/21/87
	T.	4,805,616	02/21/89	Pao	128	303	11/20/86
	U.	4,823,791	04/25/89	D'Amelio et al.	123	303	05/08/87
	V.	4,832,048	05/23/89	Cohen	128	786	10/29/87
	W.	4,920,978	05/01/90	Colvin	128	784	08/31/88
	X.	4,931,047	06/05/90	Broadwin et al.	604	22	09/30/87
	Y.	4,936,281	06/26/90	Stasz	128	660	04/13/89
	Z.	4,936,301	06/26/90	Rexroth et al.	606	45	06/23/87
	AA.	4,943,290	07/24/90	Rexroth et al.	606	45	04/27/89
	BB.	4,966,597	10/30/90	Cosman	606	50	11/04/88
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	C.	4,979,948	12/25/90	Geddes et al.	606	33	04/13/89
	D.	4,998,933	03/12/91	Eggers et al.	606	41	06/10/88
	E.	5,007,908	04/16/91	Rydell	606	47	09/29/89
	F.	5,009,656	04/23/91	Reimels	606	48	08/17/89
	G.	5,035,696	07/30/91	Rydell	606	47	02/02/90
	H.	5,047,026	09/10/91	Rydell	606	48	07/02/90
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	J.	5,078,717	01/07/92	Parins et al.	606	48	09/10/90
	K.	5,080,660	01/14/92	Buelna	606	45	05/11/90
	L.	5,084,044	01/28/92	Quint	606	27	07/14/89
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	O.	5,098,431	03/24/92	Rydell	606	48	07/03/90
	P.	5,099,840	03/31/92	Goble	128	422	01/23/89
	Q.	5,102,410	04/7/92	Dressel	606	15	10/09/90
	R.	5,108,391	04/28/92	Flachenecker et al.	606	38	05/05/89
	S.	5,112,330	05/12/92	Nishigaki et al.	606	46	05/23/89
	T.	5,122,138	06/16/92	Manwaring	606	46	11/28/90
	U.	5,125,928	06/30/92	Parins et al.	606	48	02/19/91
	V.	5,167,659	12/01/92	Ohtomo et al.	606	40	05/13/91
	W.	5,171,311	12/15/92	Rydell et al.	606	48	09/23/91
	X.	5,178,620	01/12/93	Eggers et al.	606	41	02/22/91
	Y.	5,190,517	03/02/93	Zieve et al.	604	22	06/06/91
	Z.	5,192,280	03/09/93	Parins	606	48	11/25/91
	AA.	5,195,959	03/23/93	Smith	604	34	05/31/91
	BB.	5,197,466	03/30/93	Marchosky et al.	128	399	01/07/92
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	D.	5,217,459	06/08/93	Kamerling	606	48	08/27/91
	E.	5,267,994	12/07/93	Gentelia et al.	606	15	02/10/92
	F.	5,267,997	12/07/93	Farin et al.	606	38	01/15/92
	G.	5,273,524	12/28/93	Fox et al.	604	21	10/09/91
	H.	5,277,201	01/11/94	Stern	607	98	05/01/92
	I.	5,290,282	03/01/94	Casscells	606	29	06/26/92
	J.	5,300,069	04/05/94	Hunsberger et al.	606	37	08/12/92
	K.	5,306,238	04/26/94	Fleenor	606	42	09/13/91
	L.	5,312,400	05/17/94	Bales et al.	606	41	10/09/92
	M.	5,314,406	05/24/94	Arias et al.	604	21	10/09/92
	N.	5,324,254	06/28/94	Phillips	604	21	01/13/93
	O.	5,330,470	07/19/94	Hagen	606	42	07/02/92
	P.	5,334,140	08/02/94	Philips	604	35	01/12/93
	Q.	5,336,443	08/09/94	Eggers	252	511	02/22/93
	R.	5,342,357	08/30/94	Nardella	606	40	11/13/92
	S.	5,366,443	11/22/94	Eggers et al.	604	114	10/09/92
	T.	5,370,675	12/06/94	Edwards et al.	607	101	02/02/93
	U.	5,375,588	12/27/94	Yoon	128	4	08/17/92
	V.	5,380,277	01/10/95	Phillips	604	33	11/02/93
	W.	5,383,876	01/24/95	Nardella	606	49	03/22/94
	X.	5,383,917	01/24/95	Desai et al.	607	702	07/05/91
	Y.	5,395,312	03/07/95	Desai	604	22	05/10/93
	Z.	5,417,687	05/23/95	Nardella et al.	606	32	04/30/93
	AA.	5,419,767	05/30/95	Eggers et al.	604	114	08/24/93
	BB.	5,423,810	06/13/95	Goble et al.	606	40	02/25/93
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	F.	5,454,809	10/03/95	Janssen	606	41	04/19/94		
	G.	5,496,312	03/05/96	Klicek	606	34	10/07/93		
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	J.	5,514,130	05/07/96	Baker	606	41	10/11/94		
	K.	5,556,397	09/17/96	Long et al.	606	48	10/26/94		
	L.	5,569,242	10/29/96	Lax et al.	606	42	02/16/95		
	M.	5,571,100	11/05/96	Goble et al.	606	41	10/28/94		
	N.	5,584,872	12/17/96	LaFontaine et al.	607	117	03/11/94		
	O.	5,609,151	03/11/97	Mulier et al.	128	642	09/18/94		
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	W.	5,697,536	12/16/97	Eggers et al.	604	114	11/18/96		
	X.	5,697,882	12/16/97	Eggers et al.	604	114	11/22/95		
	Y.	5,697,909	12/16/97	Eggers et al.	604	114	11/24/94		
	Z.	5,700,262	12/23/97	Acosta et al.	606	48	10/16/95		
	AA.	5,725,524	03/10/98	Mulier et al.	606	41	01/03/96		
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	D.	5,843,019	12/01/98	Eggers et al.	604	22	07/18/96
	E.	5,860,951	01/19/99	Eggers	604	510	11/22/96
	F.	5,860,975	01/19/99	Goble et al.	606	45	12/15/95
	G.	5,871,469	02/16/99	Eggers et al.	604	114	02/05/97
	H.	5,873,855	02/23/99	Eggers et al.	604	114	11/22/96
	I.	5,885,277	03/23/99	Korth	606	35	02/27/97
	J.	5,888,198	03/30/99	Eggers et al.	604	114	12/05/96
	K.	5,891,095	04/06/99	Eggers et al.	604	114	12/05/96
	L.	5,897,553	04/27/99	Mulier	606	41	11/02/95
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	D.	6,117,109	09/12/00	Eggers et al.	604	114	09/28/98		
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